

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED [APPLICATION] APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/299,585, filed November 18, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/334,474, filed on November 16, 2001.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 17, as follows:

With reference to FIGURE 1 and FIGURE 2, an embodiment of a slide 10 in accordance with the present invention includes an entry platform 12 at a high elevation, reachable by several flights of stairs 14. Platform 10 includes a recessed entry box 16 into which water is continuously pumped. The entry box is configured so that water overflows into a downhill "inlet slide section" or segment 18 which, for much of its length, can function as a flume. A user may slide in the flume or ride in a buoyant and resilient vehicle, such a donut-shaped, inflated inner tube, or a double "figure 8" tube having two cavities for two riders. Upright opposite sidewalls define the long, narrow, downhill path of the inlet segment.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 7, as follows:

Returning to FIGURES 1 and 2, by the time the rider reaches the bottom 26 of the inlet section 18, he or she will be traveling at a high rate of speed along the slippery bottom surface of the flume, although by this time the slippery characteristics of the inlet section may be maintained by misting since essentially all or at least most of the water introduced from the entry box will have passed through the roller drains 28. At this point, i.e., the bottom or outlet 26 of the inlet segment (which also is the rider entrance for the next segment), the rider passes to an upwardly curved section 30 of a separate slide portion or segment 32 which also can be referred to as the "exit slide." As shown in the drawings, the surface of the exit slide is separate and distinct from the surface of the inlet section, but the exit slide at the rider

opening is coextensive with the bottom portion of the inlet section. In the illustrated embodiment, the exit slide 32 is substantially wider than the inlet segment 18, allowing for unpredictable twists and turns of the rider or vehicle after it is propelled out of the inlet segment 18. The inlet segment 18 preferably enters the exit slide 32 at an angle so that the rider is propelled toward the center of the exit slide.